THE METRO BOSTON NORTH/WEST MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN THE CONCORD ANNEX



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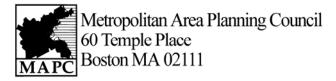
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I. INTRODUCTION

Planning Requirements under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act, passed in 2000, requires that after November 1 2004, all municipalities that wish to continue to be eligible to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding for hazard mitigation grants, must adopt a local multi-hazard mitigation plan. This planning requirement does not affect disaster assistance funding.

Massachusetts has taken a regional approach and has encouraged the regional planning agencies to apply for grants to prepare plans for groups of communities. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) received a grant from FEMA under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, to assist the Town of Concord and 27 other communities in the MAGIC subregion to develop a regional multiple-hazard mitigation plan. The regional plan and this local annex meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act.

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Natural hazard mitigation planning is the process of figuring out how to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property damage resulting from natural hazards such as floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. Hazard mitigation means to permanently reduce or alleviate the losses of life, injuries and property damage resulting from natural hazards through long-term strategies. These long-term strategies can include planning, policy changes, programs, projects and other activities.